[Canadian Military Policy]

COMMENDING CANADA'S DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FOR ITS INCLUSIVE MILITARY POLICY REGARDING TRANSGENDER SOLDIERS

WHEREAS, Canada maintains integrated armed forces with soldiers training and sharing quarters with members of the opposite sex; and,

WHEREAS, Many Canadian health insurance plans have covered sex-change operations for years but the Canadian military's health plan did not; and,

WHEREAS, The Canadian Department of National Defense has recently agreed to pay for gender reassignment surgery for its soldiers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends Canada's Department of National Defense for acknowledging that transgender soldiers should not be restricted from any military duties and for paying for gender reassignment surgery for its members; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board transmit a copy of this resolution to the Canadian Department of National Defense.

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco September 28, 1998

Ayes:

Supervisors Ammiano Brown Katz Kaufman Leno Medina

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Absent: Supervisor Bierman

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

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